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University Governance in Myanmar

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1. Background Information of Higher Education System in Myanmar

- In 1878, university level education started in Yangon Government High School, which was affiliated with Calcutta University in India.
- In the academic year 1884-1885, Yangon College was founded, but it was still affiliated with Calcutta University in India
- In 1920, Yangon University came into existence as an independent university, starting to offer degrees
- Mandalay Intermediate College affiliated with Yangon University was established in 1925
- The pre-war education system of Myanmar encouraged bureaucracy
- This system hardly encouraged professional studies
- In 1947, Mandalay Intermediate College was transformed into Mandalay University College, which was then affiliated with Yangon University
- In 1958, Mandalay University came into existence as an independent university

- After Independence, the university level education system of Myanmar was just a modification of colonial education
- This system hardly encouraged research work
- On April 30, 1962, the Government declared it to create an education system that would focus on professional studies, moral values and science.
- In 1964, the University Act of the Union of Myanmar was enacted by the Revolutionary Council
- According to this University Act(1964), art and science universities and professional institutes came into existence

There were Ten Universities and Seven Colleges at that time.

1. Arts and Science University, Yangon
 2. Arts and Science University, Mandalay
 3. Institute of Medicine(1), Yangon
 4. Institute of Medicine(2), Mingalardon
 5. Institute of Medicine, Mandalay
 6. Institute of Technology, Yangon
 7. Institute of Education, Yangon
 8. Institute of Economics, Yangon
 9. Institute of Agriculture, Mandalay
 10. Institute of Veterinary Science, Innsein
1. Mawlamyaing College
 2. Pathein College
 3. Workers' College
 4. Magway College
 5. Taunggyi College
 6. Myitkyina College
 7. Dental College

- In accordance with the 1964 University Act, the Universities' Central Council and the Council of Universities' Academic Bodies were formed to lay down principles and to provide supervision on education
- The Universities' Administrative Office was formed on October 1, 1964
- In 1972, the Universities' Administrative Office was transformed into the Department of High Education
- In 1983, Department of **High** Education was transformed into the Department of **Higher** Education
- The Myanmar Education Committee with Secretary(1) of the State Peace and Development Council as Chairman was established in 1991

1.1 Current Status of Higher Education Institutions in Myanmar

Myanmar's Education Motto

To build a modern developed nation through education

Myanmar's Vision of Education

To create an education system that can generate a learning society capable of facing the challenges of the knowledge age

- Higher education has played a vital role in national development
- Higher education institutions have supplied qualified manpower to manage the economy and create the national capacity to develop an educated society.

1.1.1 Higher Education System and Key Concerns

- Basic education is compulsory, but higher education is meant for citizens with intelligence, industriousness and motivation
- Basic education lasts for a total of eleven years
 1. Primary Level - 5 years
 2. Secondary Level - 4 years
 3. High School Level - 2 years
- Higher Education System
 1. First degree 3 years
 2. Honours degree 4 years
 3. Diploma 1 year
 4. Master's degree 2 years
 5. Master of Research 1 year
 6. Doctor of Philosophy 5 years
- **The Ministry of Education is the main provider of education in Myanmar**

There are ten departments under the Ministry of Education

1. Department of Higher Education (Lower Myanmar)
2. Department of Higher Education (Upper Myanmar)
3. No.1 Department of Basic Education
4. No.2 Department of Basic Education
5. No.3 Department of Basic Education
6. Department of Educational Planning and Training
7. Department of Universities' Historical Research
8. Department of Myanmar Language Commission
9. Myanmar Educational Research Bureau
10. Myanmar Board of Examination

- The Department of Higher Education is the executive branch of the Ministry of Education with the responsibility for administration and co-ordination of higher education institutions
- Major decisions and policy matters regarding academic and administrative functions are laid down by the universities' Central Council and the Council of Universities' Academic Bodies
- Each university and institute has its own administrative and academic body chaired by its rector
- Degree Colleges and two year colleges have their own administrative bodies chaired by their principals
- All principals of degree colleges and two- year colleges are members of the academic body of the university concerned
- There are altogether 64 institutions under the Department of Higher Education

- Yangon University, Mandalay University, Mawlamyaing University, University of Economics(Yangon), and University of Education (Yangon) offer doctorate programmes in arts and science
- The Universities of Foreign Languages offer certificate, diploma and undergraduate programmes as well as in-service (occupational) courses in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Korea
- National Centre for Human Resource Development (NCHRD) and Centres for Human Resource Development (CHRD) were established on May 28, 1998
- Each university and institution has its own Centre for Human Resource Development

1.1.2 Current number of colleges and universities

- There are 64 higher education institutions under the Ministry of Education
- There are also 92 higher education institutions under other respective ministries

Sr. No	Ministry	Number
1.	Education	64
2.	Health	14
3.	Science and Technology	56
4.	Defense	5
5.	Culture	2
6.	Forestry	1
7.	Agriculture and Irrigation	1
8.	Livestock Breeding and Fisheries	1
9.	Co-operatives	5
10.	Civil Service Selection and Training Board	1
11.	Religious Affairs	1
12.	Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs	2
13.	Transport	3
	Total	156

1.1.3 Current number of Students and graduates

The number of students and graduates under the Department of Higher Education is as follows:

Population of Students and Graduates (30-4-2008)

1.	Undergraduate	143210
2.	Honours	4705
3.	Qualifying	1880
4.	Diploma	2266
5.	M.A/M.Sc	7563
6.	M.Res	438
7.	Ph.D	3236
8.	Distance Education	69531
9.	B.Ed (Correspondence)	4052
	Total	236881

1.1.4 Current number of faculty members and university administrators

- The number of faculty members and university administrators under the **Department of Higher Education** is as follows:

Workforce (30-4-2008)

Faculty members

1. Professors	646
2. Associate Professors	1023
3. Lecturers	1614
4. Assistant Lecturers	4919
5. Tutors and Demonstrators	2715
6. University Administrators	1281
total	12198

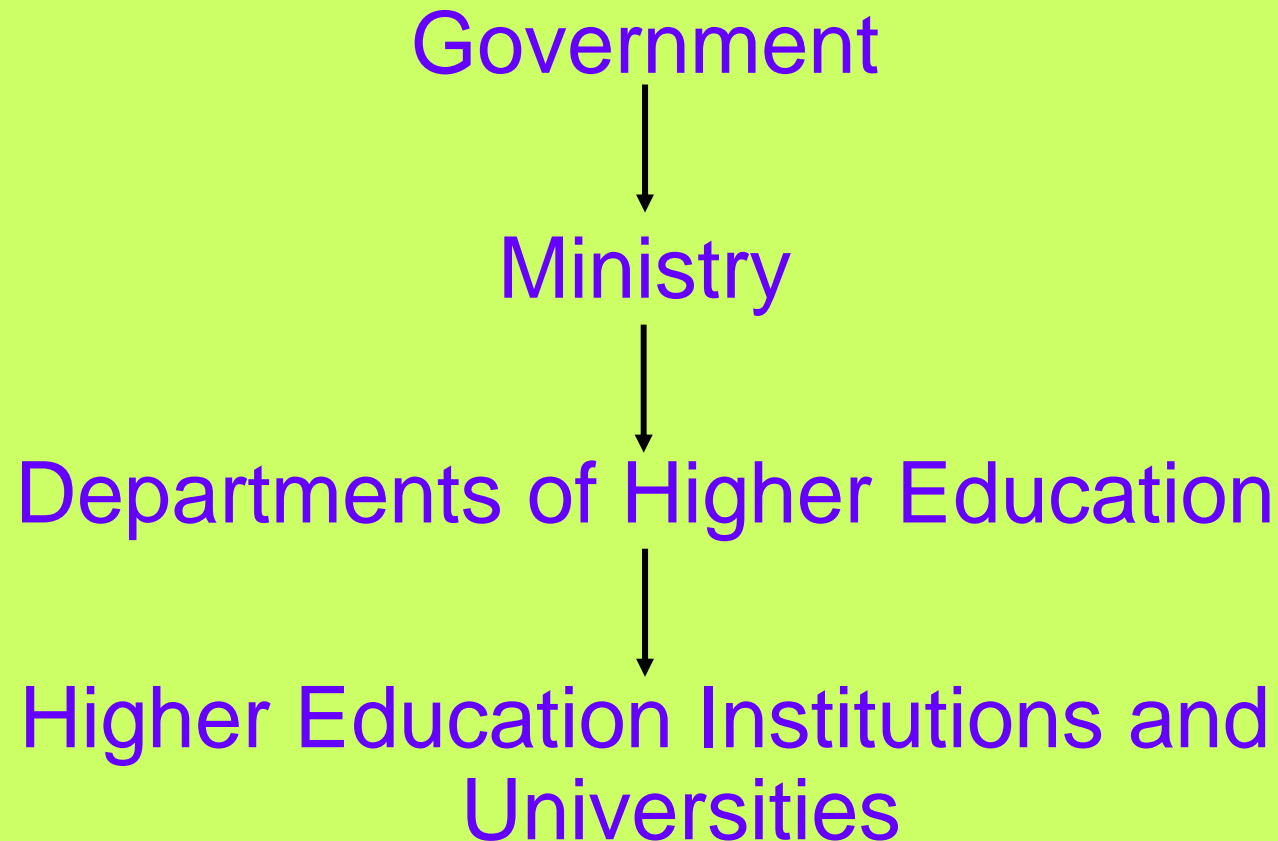
Different Types of Higher Education Institutions

1. Arts and Science University
2. University of Distance Education
3. University of Education
4. University of Economics
5. University of Computer Science
6. University of Technology
7. University of Medicine
8. University of Dentistry
9. University of Pharmacy
10. University of Para-medical Science
11. University of Traditional Medicine
12. University of Nursing
13. University of Veterinary Science
14. University of Culture and Fine Arts
15. University of Forestry
16. University of Agriculture
17. University of Foreign Languages
18. University of Maritime
19. University of Aero-space
20. Defense Services Academy
21. Defense Services Institute of Technology
22. Defense Services Institute of Medicine
23. Defense Services Institute of Nursing
24. National Defense College
25. Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College

II. Current Status of Governance in Higher Education Institutions in Myanmar

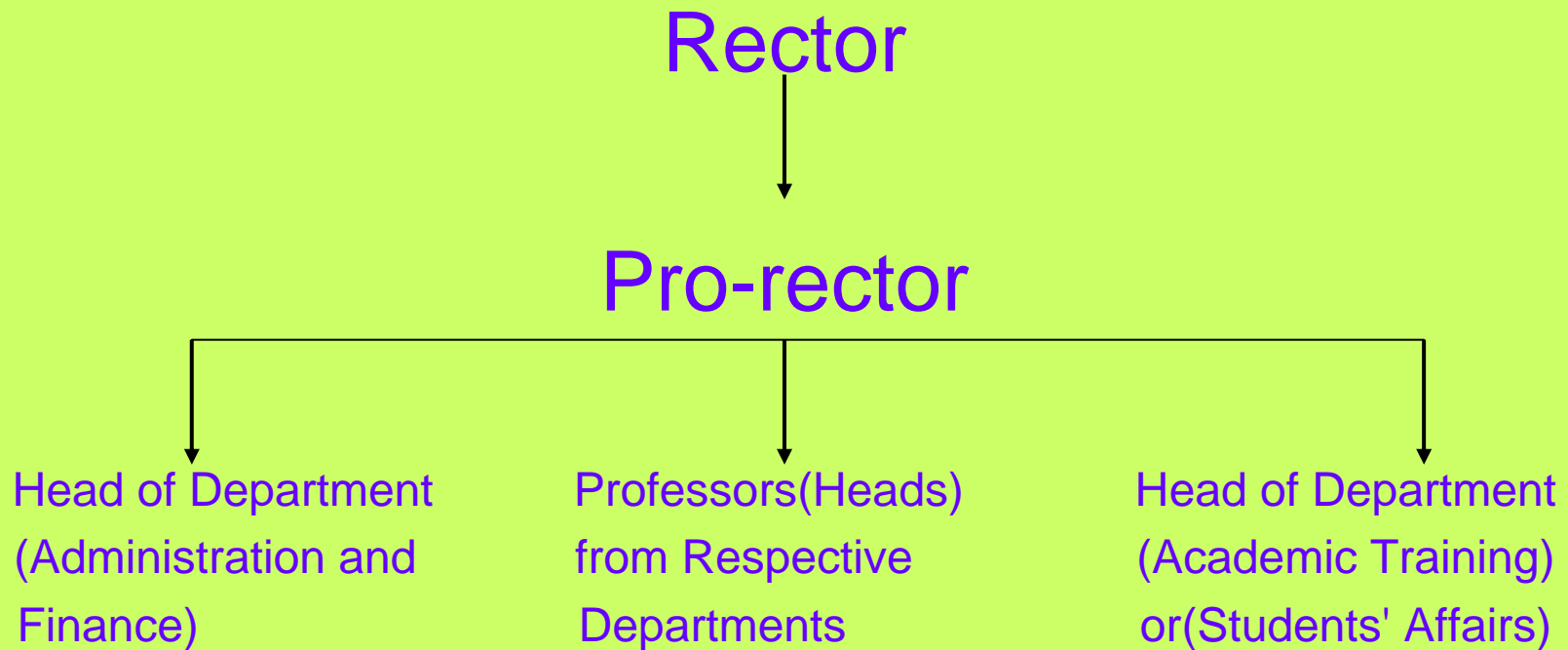
- Although higher education institutions came under the administration of different ministries, academic and administrative policy matters regarding higher education are managed by the **two councils chaired by the Minister for Education**
- The two councils are the Universities' Central Council and the Council of Universities' Academic Bodies
- The Universities' Central Council is responsible for the framing of board policy and the co-ordination of the work of higher education institutions
- The Council of Universities' Academic Bodies is responsible for the adoption of academic regulations and the co-ordination of academic work

2.1 Roles and Relationship between Government and HEIs on University Governance



2.2 Structure of University Governance in HEIs

The Structure of University Governance in HEIs of Myanmar is almost the same as follows



2.3 University Governance in HEIs

Each higher education institution or university has two main boards; the Administrative Board and the Faculty Senate.

The Administrative Board is made up of the following members.

Administrative Board

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| 1. | Rector | Chairman |
| 2. | Pro-rector | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. | Rectors from four neighbouring universities | member |
| 4. | Director of State or Division General Administration | member |
| 5. | Senior Professors from three respective departments | member |
| 6. | Head of the Department (Students' Affairs) | member |
| 7. | Head of the Department (Administration and Finance) | Secretary |

The Faculty Senate is made up of the following members.

Faculty Senate

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| 1. | Rector | Chairman |
| 2. | Pro-rector | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. | Rectors from two neighbouring universities | member |
| 4. | State or Division Basic Education Officer | member |
| 5. | Professors and Heads from all academic departments | member |
| 6. | Head of the Department (Students' Affairs) | member |
| 7. | Head of the Department(Administration and Finance) | member |
| 8. | Registrar | Secretary |

2.4 Rules, Responsibilities and Relationship between Administrative Board, Faculty Senate and Faculty

- The Rector is the most responsible person of an institution or a university.
- The two main boards (the Administrative Board and the Faculty Senate) are chaired by the Rector.
- The Administrative Board is responsible not only for administrative matters regarding higher education, but also for human resource development programmes, research work and nation-building tasks.
- The Faculty Senate is responsible for making decisions and putting forward opinions on academic matters.
- Generally, there is a good relationship between the Rector, the Administrative Board, The Faculty Senate and the Faculty members.

III. Future Directions and the Development of University Governance in Myanmar

- There is a small member of private schools for basic education in Myanmar.
- There are no private higher education institutions in Myanmar
- All higher education institutions and universities are state-financed and state-governed
- In the near future, it is hoped that a certain number of private institutions will come into existence

Warmly Welcome

Our Golden land

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